

In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An animal feed comprising:
a fat, said fat being present in an amount effective to provide nutritive fat to an animal, said fat comprising a vegetable fat present in an amount of at least 15% by weight;
a solid nutritive source, said source being selected from the group consisting of soy, oats, sorghum, whole wheat, whole rice, whole corn, and whole barley;
and
a hemicellulose binder, said animal feed being in the form of discrete plural particles of a size suitable for feeding to an animal, said hemicellulose binder being present in each of said particles in at least an amount effective to improve intraparticle cohesion said hemicellulose binder comprising extruded alkali treated corn hulls.

2 - 44 (Canceled).